

WILL SUGGEST SITES FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Committees Named by Governor to Assist Commissioner Eustis In His Labors.

Honolulu men are at work and will, upon the return of Commissioner Eustis from Hilo, submit to him recommendations as to sites for public buildings in this city, as well as a report upon the necessities of the islands in the way of light houses and as to the proper course in regard to the disposition of the silver coinage of the country.

After a discussion full and open, of what should be done to satisfy the need of information on the part of Commissioner Eustis, the meeting which drew to the Legislative Hall of the Executive Building a company of several scores of the representative men of the city, passed resolutions providing for committees to find the opinions of the residents and business community. The committees are so constructed that every interest of the city has a representative on the various bodies, and it is safe to say that the meeting which is to be held upon the return of Mr. Eustis, will be a larger and even more enthusiastic one.

While the committee has in its power the recommendation of sites for all the structures that may be needed for the proper housing of the Federal departments, the Custom House site as at present occupied has received the unanimous endorsement of all those present, as the place where there should be erected by the National government, proper quarters for the various offices of that department. This was a matter which took little time and upon which there appeared not the slightest difference of opinion. From the moment F. M. Hatch spoke, earnestly recommending the retention of the custom house on that site, there was no doubt of its filling the minds of those present, for every one endorsed the view and seconded the thought, finally voting without exception for the site.

The meeting was in every way a harmonious one, and there was no branch of industry in the city that was not represented in the audience which faced the Governor and Mr. Eustis when they took their places upon the platform. Mr. Eustis was particularly happy in his remarks in which he asked for the assistance of the people in securing the information which will be the basis, not only of his report to the Secretary of the Treasury, but as well of the recommendations of that official to the Congress of the United States. He was well received, and even after the meeting had adjourned he was encompassed by those who wished to meet and chat with him, as well as assure him of their assistance in every way possible.

In presenting the subject of the meeting and the man whose report will have so much to do with the future of the city, Governor Dole said that the meeting though informal was one from which much was expected. "Mr. Eustis," he said, "is the representative of Secretary Shaw and has been commissioned to inquire into the needs for public buildings, to ascertain the postal facilities of the islands, and if they need expansion, also what shall be done in the matter of the silver currency. "He wishes to get into touch with the business men that he may learn their various opinions as to the wants of the service here, and as well that he may secure this information quickly. Therefore I hope you will all feel free to discuss the matters fully and informally, in order that he may make progress here, after which he will go to Hilo and there become acquainted with their needs as well."

"You can hardly know," began Mr. Eustis, "the feeling of pleasure which it gives me to greet you here in the middle of the Pacific. On the mainland we dream of the beauties of Hawaii and Honolulu, and I little thought four weeks ago that it would be my pleasure to speak to you now."

"I must first compliment you, I know something of a city built up by hustling busy men. I know how much depends upon the work and enterprise of the business men of a community. Therefore I must compliment you upon your real public spirit and your city. You have a beautiful city, in a beautiful location. Cities are not built in a day. I have been out on your harbor and looked over your wharves and noted your accommodations for the shipping which must come to your port. I noted too the reefs which have been built by the little coral insects, and as they have worked so have you. As they are the reef builders you are the city builders. So you are here building a mighty metropolis in the Pacific, not only for yourselves but for us on the mainland."

"The eyes of the people of the United States are upon you. Your whole history has become a household memory in the states of the union, from the time when the people of the east began to take an interest in your welfare in the '30s, until now, and we are all interested in your prosperity and progress."

"I am here to extend a hand in helping not for hurting. I am here to in-

vestigate the needs of the postal service and fairly to make a report to the Secretary of the Treasury for his guidance. In looking about I see how impossible it is for a stranger to come here and find out what you want. You know. You have helped to make the city, you have helped to create the conditions and you know just what you want."

"The United States government has been here only a short time and you cannot expect it to know just what to do. I want to find out first the location for your public buildings which would be the happy and right location. It is proper that the government should start right away, and right, too. On the mainland often there is a wrong location secured for a building, and as the business section of the city changes the structures are not where they should be."

"As to your silver coinage, I have been told that the Senatorial Commission has been here and that memorials have been submitted to it. I may have to duplicate some of this, and yet my work would not be done unless I should do so. The senators have made their investigations, and will report to the Senate just what they consider proper. But Congress wants information and is seeking it through the Secretary and he has sent me to secure it."

"I want to get back to Washington by the middle of January, for if I do so there will be still six weeks for work, and you know legislation sometimes goes slow, in fact I believe you know that, if what I hear about the last session is correct. Congress will move faster when your representative gets there though, for I have heard that all congressmen are susceptible to Cupid. I have visited the Postoffice and the Custom House but I have not been to the courts. You know just what should be done and you should let me know fully."

"I want to say frankly that Congress should deal with you in no parsimonious manner. You put up buildings here which are a credit not only to Honolulu but to the mainland, and Congress should deal with you in a way to keep your beautiful city symmetrical."

"As to your coin it is perfectly good for it has the faith of the United States pledged back of it, but the time has come when you should do away with it and have the same money which passes current everywhere else in our country. I thank you for listening to me and now I shall be glad to listen to you."

Mr. Eustis was cheered heartily during and at the conclusion of his presentation, especially when he spoke of the treatment that is deserved by the islands at the hands of Congress.

Governor Dole took the floor at once Mr. Eustis had finished, and said that the question of a great public building was one which had received a deal of thought. It had been suggested that there be erected a great public building fronting on the palace square. As to the judiciary building he said the government knew that it was crowded and that soon there must be provided a building which would afford space for some of the offices there.

F. M. Hatch was the next speaker and went right into the subject. He said it was one which had received a deal of thought on his part, and on which he had strong opinions. He said the first thing was to determine if there were to be two buildings or only one. The site of the custom house, he said, was an ideal one, and he thought there could be no improvement made in its location.

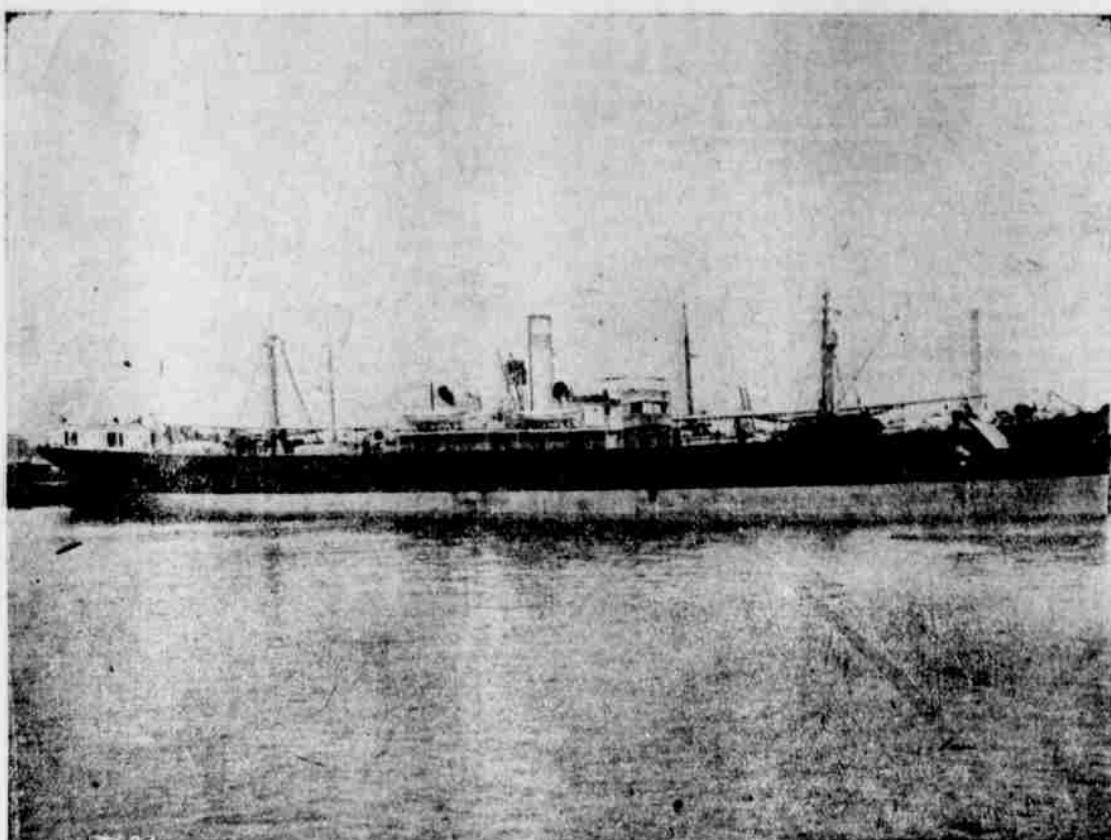
As to another building, for the housing of the Postoffice, the Federal Courts, the Collector of Internal Revenue and other federal officers, he said, there might well be several opinions. He thought a site on the square would be a fitting one.

W. O. Smith endorsed what Mr. Hatch said, especially as to the custom house, but he said he thought there should be a postoffice where the present one stands and a court house, close to the square, on account of its proximity to the law library and the Territorial court. He favored the present site for a new postoffice and the palace square site for the court building.

Mr. Eustis interrupted to ask Mr. Smith if it would be acceptable to him if there could be secured sufficient ground adjacent to the present Postoffice, to make a building large enough to accommodate the postoffice below and the other offices and courts above. Mr. Smith responded that he would favor a site where the courts could be adjacent to the Territorial court, that the attorneys could have the advantage of the law library and other conveniences.

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STEAMER NEVADAN ON THE REEF AND OFF AGAIN



(Advertiser Photo.)

THE AMERICAN-HAWAIIAN LINE FREIGHTER NEVADAN.

The oil-burning steamer Nevada of the American-Hawaiian line of freight steamers, which is engaged in the trade between this port and San Francisco, went on the reef at 7 o'clock last night, at the point which is popularly known as the "Mowere" reef.

The Nevada was solidly stuck on the reef, but prompt work on the part of Captain Olsen, of the tug Fearless, succeeded in towing the steamer off the reef in a little over two hours after she had struck. The steamer was pulled off the reef seven minutes past 9 o'clock, and then proceeded out the channel and dropped anchor at the anchorage, where she will remain until a board of survey has time to go over the damages this morning. The latest reports last night was that the steamer was not leaking, and it is thought that it can proceed on its way to Kahului today. Captain Burnham, the general manager of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, owners of the vessel, was on board at the time of the ship going on the reef.

The steamer left the Railway wharf at 6:30 o'clock last night. It had 1,000 tons of cargo on the fore compartment, and 350 tons of sugar in the after compartments, and in addition to this carried quite a quantity of fuel oil in the bunker tanks. A half hour after the steamer left the wharf it was ashore about 200 feet east of the black buoy, right on the summit of the knoll of the reef, next the channel. Sailors on the tug Fearless had noticed the departure of the vessel. They thought something was wrong as it went out the unlighted channel. The ship seemed to be going from one side

of the channel to the other. Finally it went aground. Young Brothers noticed the accident, and immediately telephoned Captain Olsen of the Fearless. At the same time the whistles of the Fearless commenced to blow. The crew was got aboard within a few minutes and at 7 o'clock the tug left the Navy wharf. It required only a few minutes to steam close enough to speak to the grounded steamer.

"Captain Weeden," shouted the skipper of the tug.

"Captain Olsen," responded the master of the Nevada.

"Do you want any assistance," asked Olsen.

"What do you want to tow us off?" asked Weeden.

Captain Olsen asked what position the steamer was in. Weeden replied that it was on the reef, but that he had succeeded in getting it off a little. Finally Olsen shouted:

"I'll take \$5,000."

"That's ridiculous," answered Weeden. "I'll give you \$500."

Olsen refused the offer and steamed away from the steamer. Launches from the steamer tried to get a line aboard the Fearless, but the Fearless did not want a line until the matter of payment was settled. The Nevada was squarely on the reef, but there was hardly any swell and but little wind, so that the danger was not great. The launches carried their line over to a buoy, and with engines going full speed astern, Captain Weeden tried to get his vessel to back off the reef. But it would not budge an inch, and after a half hour's wait he shouted across the water that he would ac-

cept Captain Olsen's terms. The Fearless was then unable to get astern of the Nevada for some time, owing to the line that Captain Weeden had cut to the buoy, and, finally, after cutting this line, Captain Olsen was able to get a heavy hawser aboard the Nevada.

With its splendid engines going at their utmost speed, the Fearless then started to pull. Local Manager Morse, of the American-Hawaiian line, who was also on the Fearless, then went ashore in one of Young Brothers' launches, to see if he could secure the Ironsides, the tug attached to the Naval Station, and get it to assist in towing the distressed vessel off the reef. He was told on shore that it would require four hours for the naval tug to get up steam, as far as towing work was concerned.

Meanwhile the wind freshened and was blowing the stern of the Nevada against the reef as well, but the Fearless pulled towards the channel and at seven minutes past 9 o'clock the big freighter gave a lurch and was free from the reef. It had taken the Fearless, doing excellent work, just an hour to get the big freighter out of its dangerous position. Captain Olsen then shouted to the Nevada for them to let go of his hawser, but they kept it fast and were towing the Fearless stern foremost out the channel to sea. After considerable bickering and misunderstanding of orders the Nevada let go the hawser and the Fearless was enabled to gather it in. The Nevada then went out the channel and came to an anchorage outside.

The Fearless followed the Nevada out to the anchorage. Captain Weeden then shouted that he would like to have Mr. Morse secure a board of survey to go off to the vessel and examine it this morning, and also saying that at that time the vessel was not taking any water.

The Nevada escaped serious injury owing to the fact that the sea was smooth last night, that there was but little wind, and that it was moonlight. Shipping men loudly praised the prompt and efficient work of the Fearless in getting the vessel off the dangerous reef so quickly.

Many theories have been advanced as to the cause of the vessel going on the reef. It did not carry a pilot, and owing to this fact, the channel was not lighted up for a departure. The vessel has a powerful searchlight and this was in use as it was going out the channel, but it seems that the officers must have mistaken the buoys, as shown by the searchlight.

It could not be learned last night exactly what damage had been done to the vessel, but it is thought that no holes were made in the bottom, although the plates forward are probably very badly dented and twisted up.

Although everyone on the vessel knew that the ship was in a dangerous position on the reef, they did not worry much as they knew that the swell was not sufficient to make it bump much, and also that a fine tugboat was along-side to care for the members of the crew in case it was necessary to take them off the vessel.

Captain Burnham, the general manager of the American-Hawaiian line, was aboard the vessel and will probably sail for the Coast in this ship. Captain Burnham is making the round trip on the Nevada chiefly to personally watch the working of oil as a fuel. In the early days of fuel oil for steamers, Captain Burnham was one of the warmest advocates of this class of fuel, so that it is particularly gratifying to him at this time to be able to see it working so well. He stated yesterday

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TRIES FOR CASH BUT IS LEFT

Kalaauokalani Opio Fails to Raise Money.

Kalaauokalani opio, the Secretary of the Delegate and the man on whom the leader of the Home Rule forces announced that his mantle would fall when it had covered the Wilcoxian shoulders long enough, has scored a failure in his attempt to work into the payroll of the Senate. He made a bold and gallant stab at it, but the cold blooded Committee on Accounts has not recognized the bill, and the budding attorney and diplomat is on the war path.

The story of the unpaid bill is but another phase of the tale of the unreported report. It all hangs upon the evidence taken in the case of Austin, the former auditor, and the report of the majority of the committee appointed to investigate the department. This testimony, as published in the Advertiser, was fairly full and covered many pages. Kalaauokalani, the elder, was present at all the hearings and according to one Senator never intimated that he needed a translator. When Senators Isenberg and McCandless came to make their report upon the office, they found that the evidence taken had been turned over to Kalaauokalani opio, by the stenographer, as fast as the duplicates were made. This it was that convinced the majority of the committee that it might just as well make its report when Kalaauokalani, the elder, failed to keep the appointment made for him by his son, for the early morning hours.

Nothing was thought of the matter when the majority report was acted upon, after the motion of Kalaauokalani to postpone action until the following Monday had been voted down. This was taken to close the incident, but it did not. Just before the end of the Senate session Kalaauokalani the younger and hungrier, seemingly, presented a bill to the committee on accounts, calling for \$266.50, for the translation and typewriting of the evidence upon which the office of the Auditor was declared vacant.

There was a gleeful laugh on the part of the Senators who heard of the incident. The members of the committee could not understand it all and promptly refused to consider the matter. Senator Kalaauokalani then got into the play and insisted that he had been authorized by the committee to have the translation made for his own use, but this was just as promptly denied by the members of the committee. Finally it was discovered that much, if not all, of the translating was done after the Senate had agreed to the majority report, which shows the needlessness of the work as the Senator has never mentioned the matter again.

Some of the members of the Senate asked why the work was done and the father of the typewriter and translator said that he thought he was entitled to have the translation done for his own use, adding, according to reports, "The boy wanted to make a little money, anyhow."

However the bill was not approved and is not even in the list of those which went over to the regular session for payment. The incident is expected to be sufficient to prevent any attempt to sell gold bricks to a Republican legislature.

There was a long meeting of the Republican Executive Committee yesterday afternoon, but the consideration of the names of the scores of applicants for office was not completed. There are a few men who will be taken care of if possible, but the great mass will not be taken up for several days yet.

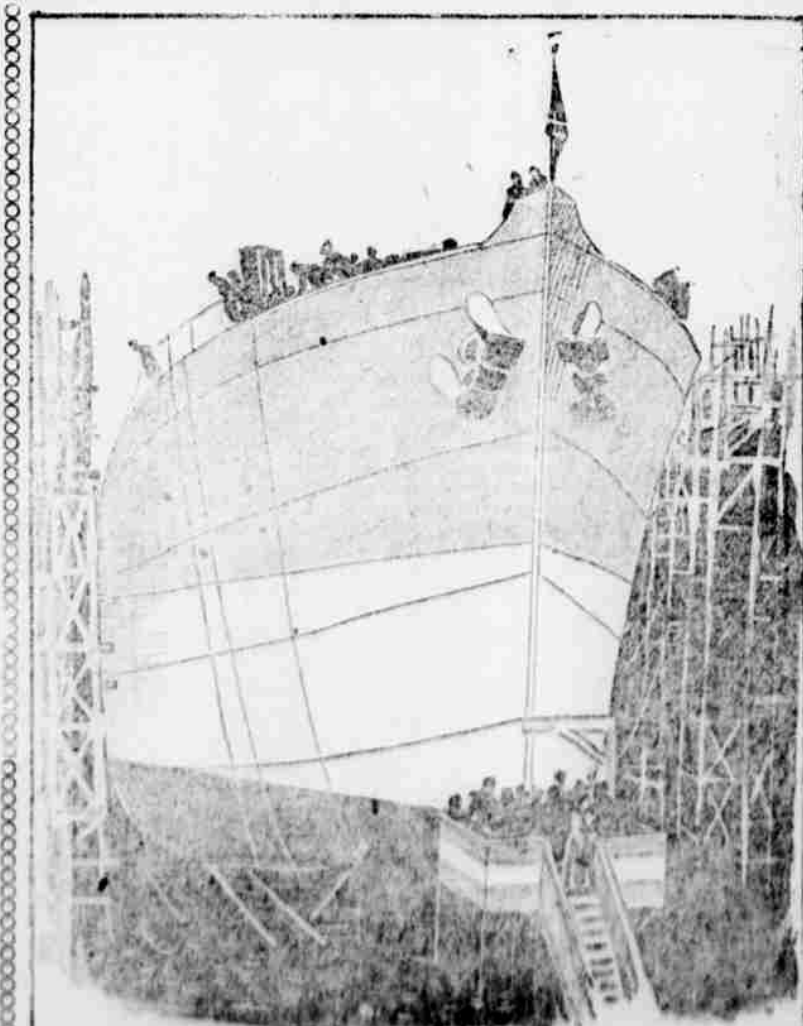
BLEW UP STORE WITH DYNAMITE

Chester Doyle was sent to Ewa yesterday afternoon to investigate an alleged attempt to murder a Japanese store-keeper named Honda and his wife and to wreck their store by the use of dynamite. The attempt was made on Sunday evening. Honda and his wife were out of the building at the time.

The building showed that the dynamite had been placed inside and discharged. The interior was entirely demolished, the windows blown out, and all the merchandise, amounting to about \$200 worth, was scattered and torn beyond recognition. An ice cream parlor next door was also damaged.

Doyle is on the track of some Japanese who are said to have shown enmity towards Honda on several occasions. It is thought that jealousy was responsible for the dastardly attempt. Men at the plantation acquainted with dynamite say that about six sticks were used.

P. A. Anderson, for many years a reporter in the Public Works Department, died yesterday morning. The funeral was held in the afternoon.



Showing the bow of the steamer Nevada which was on the "Mowere reef" last night. This picture was made at the time of the launching of the vessel.